

to Nîmes through a most picturesque  
country with Casalt's rocks visited  
Montpellier and only staid a few  
days near Montpellier & near Mouton  
visiting the gardens of Muret and of  
Harbury - staid a week at Florence  
where was a large congregation of  
botanists with very indifferent local  
organization - three days at Rome  
and home by the Brenner Munich  
& Paris direct.

Ever yours

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25, WILTON PLACE.  
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My dear Gray

On my return with the  
hostler from our excursion to  
Florence I find yours of April 17 for  
which many thanks

I am disposed to agree with you  
that the joint ordinal name should  
be *Oleaceae* instead of *Farmineae* -

I do not say that *Forestiera* has  
"corolla imbricata" - at least I have not  
said so in my *Compositae* generum  
but put it into a subdivision of  
"corolla imbricata v. 0" - its general  
affinity is with that subdivision and  
I believe that if petals were developed  
they would be imbricate - the petals being  
wanting it is only general affinity that  
can place *Forestiera* in the imbricate

division and the apetalous *Olea* in the  
valvate division

As between *Ornithocarpus* and *Olea* I  
think you will always find the distinction  
strongly pronounced

As between *Linociera* and *Cheonanthus*,  
it is less so but in *Linociera* is better  
with *Linociera albescens* I find the  
petals always concave or unduplicate or  
<sup>higher & valvate</sup> however narrow whilst in *Cheonanthus*  
(*C. virginicus* and 2 Chinese ones) they  
are flat with thin margins but  
whether they really overlap or not I  
cannot tell our specimens, though  
numerous have no young buds and  
I trust to you to let me know

*Freycinetia* compound & *compacta* and  
*latifolia* which are much allied in  
colour (though distinguishable) one with  
the other with *Linociera albescens* - I forget now  
which is correct

I am now thick in *Apocynaceae* - Have  
you among the Fiji plants the  
*Carrotheria* Peem. which I have little  
doubt is made up of flowering specimens  
(which we have very good) of a plant of  
the *Echiteae* readily known by the anthers  
with the fruit (which we have as figured  
but detached) of *Orchepeda* - if you have  
*Carrotheria* with its proper fruit pray  
let me know what that is

*Uroecia* Robt. is certainly made up  
of the flowers of a very distinct genus  
with *Echiteoid* anthers and fruit  
(which we have from *Maiagay*) and of  
the fruit of *Orchepeda*

*Orchepeda* includes three or four  
supposed African & Asiatic genera and  
its remarkable fruit - like some large  
globular *Tabernaemontanas* has often  
attracted the notice of collectors

I have had a very pleasant month  
trip with Ed. & W. Hooker from Paris  
now by the new railroad from Clermont